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## City Disposes Of More Property

Emmetsburg City Council sold four city streets at their meeting last week in addition to a parcel of land in the Airport Road industrial park.

The four streets are located in the southwest corner of the community. Each sold in the \$50 range.

Ned and Mary Ellen Munn purchased three of the streets. They purchased Garfield, between 5th and 6th Streets, for \$55. The only other bidders were Wendell and Judith Duhn, who bid \$50 but declined to raise their offer.

The Munnns were the sole bidders on Garfield, between 6th and 7th Streets, and also for 6th Street, between Adams and Garfield. They purchased each of those streets for \$50.

The Duhns were the sole bidders for 6th Street, between Garfield and Hayes. They purchased the street for \$50.

A four-acre tract of property in the industrial park, east of Airport Road, had two bids. Ken Webb submitted a bid of \$4,000. Ned and Mary Ellen Munn submitted a bid of \$500, but declined to raise their bid.

The square-foot appraisal of the property was estimated,

based on a previous assessment of city property. For the four-acre tract, the estimated appraisal was over \$15,000.

"Can we sell it (the property) for \$4,000 without getting into legal problems?" asked council representative Linda Koppie.

Webb pointed out, "That area will have to be filled quite a bit because it's in the flood plain." He later pointed out that it will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to get electric utilities to that area.

Webb stated that he plans to put up a building with a small shop, in addition to storage area, on that property.

Emmetsburg City Council also adopted a resolution directing the sale of Mural Park. City Administrator John Bird informed the council that there is again someone interested in purchasing the property. He pointed out that there does not have to be a public hearing, but the city does have to publish public notice that the property may be sold.

Mural Park, located in the 2100

block of Main Street, has been appraised with a range of \$1300 to \$6700.

In other business at last week's

meeting, no bids were submitted on the airport improvement projects.

"I say we send notices back to the potential bidders and see if they want to bid," said the City Administrator. A new date of October 10 was set for receiving bids.

Nick Steinkamp, who serves on Emmetsburg Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees, informed the council that the board is proceeding with the study to municipalize the electric utility.

"We have proceeded with the municipalization effort and expect a filing in late October with seven other towns," said Steinkamp. The EMU board has paid their first installment, toward the regulatory and litigation fund, amounting to \$45,940.

### Iowa Great Place

Can Emmetsburg become an Iowa Great Place?

Speaking on behalf of a group of people who will make a presentation for an Iowa Great Place, Jane Whitmore read from Sen. Jack Kibbie's newsletter:

"Great Places abound in Iowa. This spring, the Iowa Department of Cultural affairs solicited applications for a new program

called Iowa Great Places. The initiative is designed to make good places great by cultivating the unique and authentic qualities that make Iowa's communities, regions, neighborhoods, and districts special."

Emmetsburg's application is for a rustic retreat on Fifth Island of Five Island Lake. The proposal calls for a trail on the east side of Five Island Lake, a kayak/canoe launch area, and a rustic camping area on the island. The area could include fire pits, picnic tables, shelter and hiking paths on the island. Work could begin this winter with riprapping along the island's shores.

Jeff Vonk, director of Iowa Department of Natural Resources, has viewed the area and looked favorably at the proposal. In the event that the Fifth Island Rustic Retreat is selected, a 28E agreement must be put





into place for maintenance.

The judging team will be in Emmetsburg this Thursday, Sept. 22, to hear the proposal. More than 145 applications have been submitted for an Iowa Great Place. Three places will be selected to become Iowa's pilot Great Places in October.

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